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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Very cold weather prevailed during the first four days of the week, then the temperature rose rapidly to considerably above normal. Light snow fell in the southeastern portion of the State, and a few flurries in the Panhandle but there was practically no precipitation elsewhere.

CROPS Stormy weather interfered somewhat with corn picking over part of the State. However, the job is nearing completion with 94% of the corn crop harvested. A small acreage of sugar beets in the low, wet spots in central Nebraska were frozen in because of the inability to harvest the same from the wet soil. The snow covering was generally too light to give much protection to winter wheat during the period of low temperatures but reports so far indicate no damage.

Car shortage is one of the problems of the farmer at present. Box cars are not ample for the shipment of grain, potatoes, and livestock. At present farm labor supply is generally more than ample. Considerable labor is used in sorting potatoes in western Nebraska and some for gleaning corn fields harvested with mechanical pickers. Farm machinery is bringing high prices at the auctions.

LIVESTOCK There is increasing interest in the production of pork because of the present favorable corn-hog ratio. There appears to be some further activity in cattle feeding. Markets have received large numbers of short-fed cattle. A small percent of the counties is reporting a shortage of hay and forage but generally the supply is ample. Much will depend on whether the winter is open or not, as there is generally ample range in areas of local hay shortages. While hay has been selling from \$12 to \$25 a ton, the latter being for baled hay, there is a shortage of grain feed in a few northwestern counties where corn is being laid down at \$2.65 per bushel. The cold weather has reduced the production of milk and eggs.

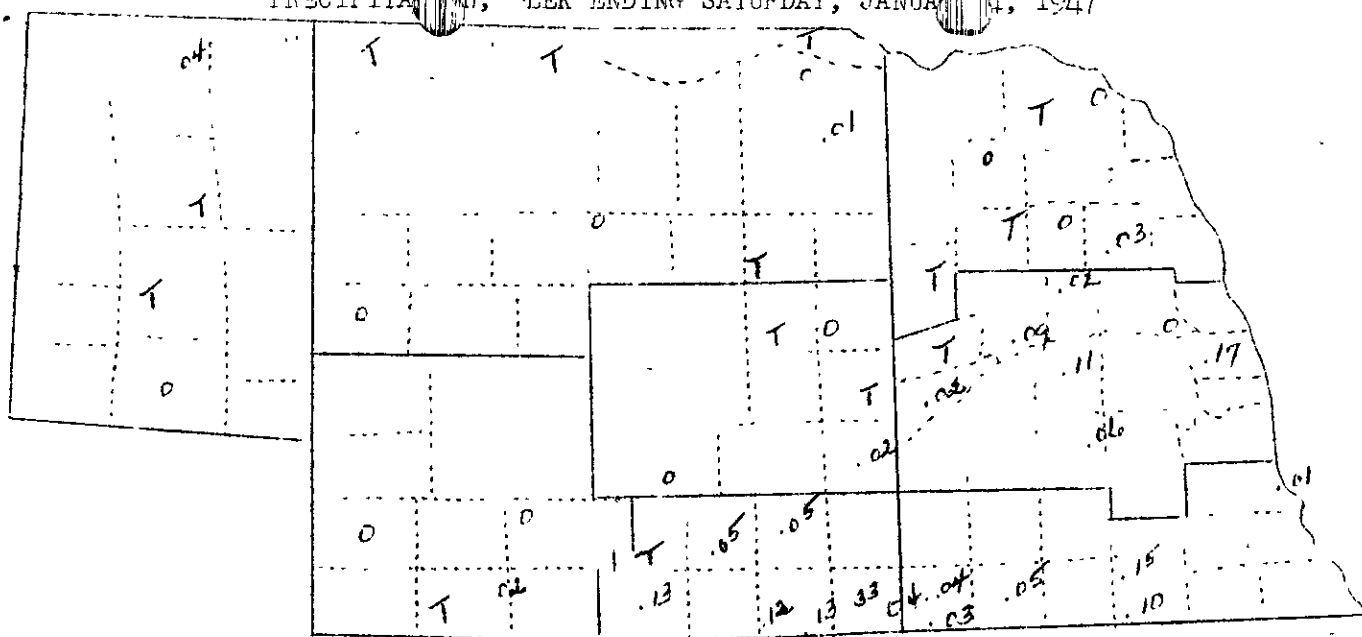
Precipitation for week ending January 7, 1947

Eastern Division	
Grand Island	.03
Lincoln	.12
Norfolk	0
Omaha	.11
Sioux City	0

Central Division
None

Western Division	
Big Spring	0
Chadron	.01
Hayes Center	0
Scottsbluff	.04
Sidney	.01

PRECIPITATION, WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 1947



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (For 24 hrs. ending 7:30 a.m.)

		Jan.		1st		2nd		3rd		4th		5th		6th		7th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	32	12	29	0	11	-17	21	0	41	24	50	25	40	27		
	Scottsbluff	37	10	33	7	19	-5	25	6	50	22	56	28	43	16		
	Sidney	24	7	29	0	17	-4	--	-6	44	20	51	25	46	16		
N-C	Burwell	16	0	25	--	18	-13	7	-14	32	16	38	22	--	24		
	Valentine	21	11	28	1	18	-16	8	-2	42	27	38	29	40	29		
NE	Norfolk	13	-1	21	8	16	-11	7	-17	25	11	29	13	37	25		
	Sioux City	9	-4	20	6	14	-10	5	-19	23	6	28	9	37	24		
Cen.	Grand Island	16	3	24	15	21	-13	6	-9	23	11	36	22	41	21		
E-C	Lincoln	16	4	22	14	15	-7	5	-13	17	10	33	20	40	27		
	Omaha	12	1	18	9	15	-6	4	-12	18	11	30	15	39	27		
SW	Hayes Center	23	-2	26	15	16	-3	15	-5	36	22	47	21	49	23		
	North Platte	20	5	30	13	20	-7	14	-3	38	21	44	26	47	30		

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